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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. EVERETT].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 22, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable Terry Everett to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O gracious God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we offer our thanks for this new day and new opportunities. As we open our hearts to Your grace and heed Your Word, may we be transformed by the renewing of our minds and spirit, so all that which hinders or hurts is put aside and that which redeems and reforms and forgives remains with each of us. With gratitude and praise we offer these words of prayer together with the private petitions of our hearts, asking You to bless us and keep us this day and all the days long. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas [Mr. SMITH]

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SMITH of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill and concurrent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1260. An act to reform and consolidate the public and assisted housing programs of the United States, and to redirect primary responsibility for these programs from the Federal Government to States and localities, and for other purposes.

S. Con. Res. 39. Concurrent resolution providing for the State of the Union Address by the President of the United States.

PERMISSION TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, TO FILE CONFERENCE REPORT ON S. 1124, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1996

Mr. STUMP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the managers on the part of the House have until midnight tonight, to file a conference report on the Senate bill (S. 1124) National Defense Authorization Act for 1996.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS—STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House a Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 39), which was read by the Clerk, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 39

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Tuesday, January 23, 1996, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

END CLINTON SNOW JOB

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as Washington, DC, recently struggled to dig out from the worst blizzard in years, Americans from across the Nation began to see through the Clinton snow job.

Consider the thoughts of a constituent, friend, and relative, Linda Seeligson from San Antonio. She rightly fears that the President's opposition to entitlement reform and lower taxes will steal our children's future. She sees through the President's Medicare tactics. And she resents the President's use of generational warfare to pit parents against children, employers against employees, and workers against retirees.

Millions of Americans agree. They reject the politics of envy and class warfare. They have real compassion for working families who must work longer to pay for big Government. They're tired of a welfare state paid for by the middle class. And they seek to

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